

# CARLSBAD PROJECT WATER OPERATIONS & WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION EIS AND THE NEPA PROCESS

## What is NEPA?

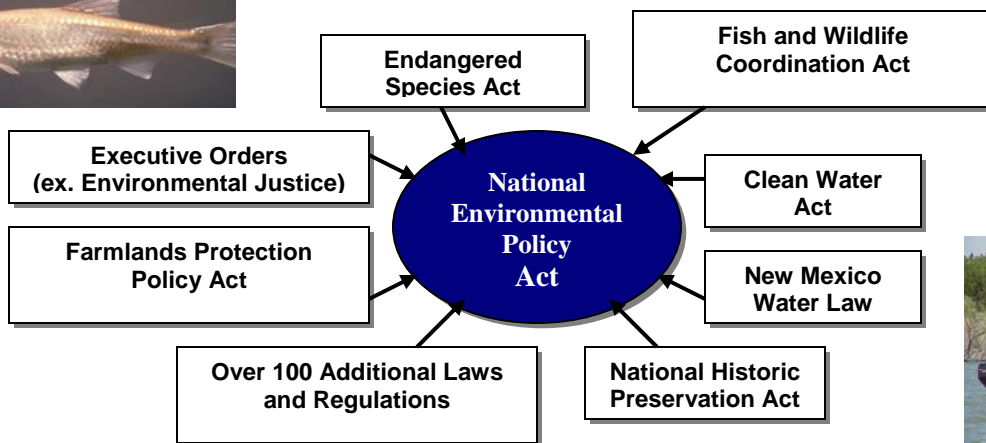
The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969



## What is the NEPA process & why do it for this project?

- Documents possible environmental effects
- Elicits public input and feedback on the project
- Required when federal activity or funding are involved
- Provides a logical framework for developing project implementation plans

## Major Environmental Planning Laws Considered in this NEPA Process



## Steps to Complete NEPA

### Public Scoping of Issues and Alternatives

- Inform Public of Intent to Conduct Project
- Conduct Open Houses
- Collect Comments

### Prepare Draft EIS

- Analyze Comments
- Develop Alternatives
- Collect Data
- Analyze Impacts
- Prepare Document

### 3. Public Review of Draft EIS

- Inform Public of EIS Availability
- Conduct Public Meetings
- Collect Comments

### 4. Final EIS

- Address Comments
- Identify Alternatives with Least Impacts
- Recommend Actions

### 5. Record Of Decision